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A change in the stakeout team throws Onoe, reporter for a weekly magazine, together with his contemporary, Kaburagi, a photographer. Onoe secretly considers Kaburagi his rival, and Kaburagi's haphazard way of doing things goes against Onoe's strong sense of ethics- there's nothing but conflict between them. But, in joint pursuit of a scandal, the two of them begin to care about each other...? Introducing the main fighting couple!

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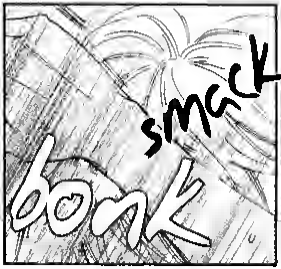
H... HEY.
ARE WE REALLY GOING TO STAKE OUT HERE?
OH!
NICE ANGLE.
N...
WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING?
Th- that's true, but-
YEP.
LAST TIME WE WERE TOO CONSPICUOUS WHEN WE STAKED OUT IN THE CAR CAN'T BE HELPED
Right!?
I-it's just, I was thinking of how it looks like, with the two of us in this kind of place...
No- thing!
No complaints! Anyway!
In a love hotel...

HAVE YOU NEVER BEEN TO A PLACE LIKE THIS BEFORE?
WHAT?
I have! Also what are you implying, that I'm stressed because I've never been?
HAVING TWO GUYS HERE IS FINE.
IF IT WASN'T WE'D HAVE BEEN STOPPED AT THE ENTRANCE
!!
ANYWAY, WHAT ARE YOU SO STRESSED ABOUT?
Move over! Lemme check!
shove
Checkin the angle
It can't be.
It's just my imagination.
Or so I thought, but...
Lately I've been convinced he's changed


smack
bonk

HUH? WHERE-
HEY
IF WE PASS BY THERE WOULD IT BE BETTER IF WE HAD A SIGNAL?

HUH?
Why!?
Kiss you qqqq me!
Meaning-less...
L-like before, that...
No wait, it's your bad!
Sorry, my bad!

IF IF YOU DID IT AGAIN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAND FOR IT, SO
Jeez! Gross!
This guy.

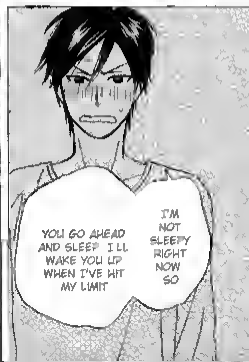
MEETING IN PROGRESS
He probably...
likes me, doesn't he?
OHH, GOOD WORK!
I'm thinking too much about this
EXCUSE US
G mornin
ON AIR
HOW WAS THE KITAO ANA THING?
THE CLANDESTINE MEETING OF A PUBLIC NEWSCASTER AND A PIN-UP MODEL!
Didn't you hide one hair of it?
Ono looks sleepy
ANYWAY, HERE'S THE FACADE OF THE HOTEL FOR NOW
WE'D HAVE BROUGHT THE PHOTOS WHEN WE GOT THEM, EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T CALL US
OH! NICE ANGLE! WHERE'D YOU TAKE THIS?
FROM THE LOVE HOTEL OPPOSITE
OHH? SO YOU TWO WENT TO A LOVE HOTEL

Haha!
There wasn't anywhere to hide in that place!
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL WORKED UP FOR?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
NOTHING HAPPENED!
Because we were WORKING!
Well, there was nothing to be done for that, was there?z

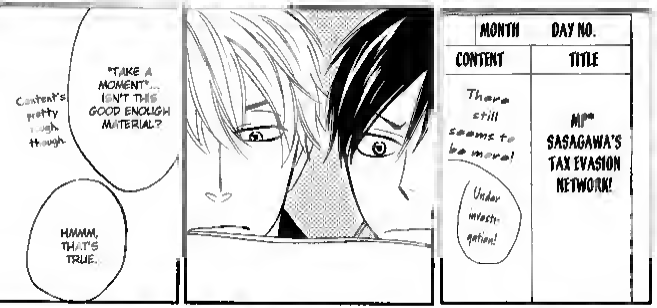
He got worked up all by himself, banging about
THAT'S ENOUGH! SLEEP!
PORN
Restless
clatter
clatter

IT'S BECAUSE YOU REACT LIKE THAT THAT THEY TEASE YOU
EH!? That's suspicious!
WHAT!?
In the end, yesterday
WHAT!?

And I crashed. (Well, he helped me out there.)
WELL?
WHAT'S THIS FOR?
I wonder if this is fine...
Oh really?
Finally. Once stayed that way until morning, watching over the camera.


I'M NOT SLEEPY RIGHT NOW SO
YOU GO AHEAD AND SLEEP. I'LL WAKE YOU UP WHEN I'VE HIT MY LIMIT

We don't!
Schloop!
AH, YES, YES
YOU TWO STILL HAVE TIME TO TAKE ON AN ASSIGNMENT, RIGHT?
HMM, WELL...
WHEN YOU HAVE SPARE TIME, TAKE A MOMENT TO LOOK INTO THIS

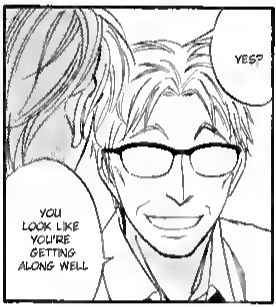


*M. P.=Member of Parliament

WHAT?
ON TOP OF THAT, THESE ARE JUST RUMORS SO THEY COULD BE FALSE.
THAT'S WHY I SAID, "WHEN YOU HAVE SPARE TIME".
But if you get anything that's icing on the cake
IS IT OKAY TO NOT PASS THIS ON TO THE SCANDALS TEAM?
THEY'RE ALL OUT BECAUSE OF THE SUMO SCANDAL.
BUT APPARENTLY HE'S STILL DOING SOMETHING ELSE.
Right?
WASN'T SASAGAWA SUED FOR "HIDDEN DONATIONS" LAST YEAR?

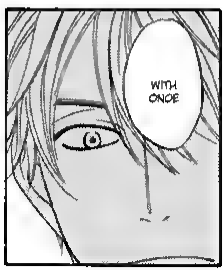
I'd be better off in this kind of thing than him!
Eh? Ah! Yes, that's true! That's true!
WHEN THIS COMES UP YOU'LL TAKE A BIG ROLE!
ONOE ALSO SPECIALIZES IN TAX EVASION!
All alone!
You're obvious
When you were in scandals you did a lot of these right?

KABU YOU KNOW GINZA PRETTY WELL RIGHT?
THIS CONTACT SOMETIMES COMES OUT AT NIGHT SO TRY AND GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM
OKAY...


YES?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GETTING ALONG WELL

KABU
IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD CAPTURE THIS
FIRST OFF I'D BETTER TRY GOING TO KAORI'S

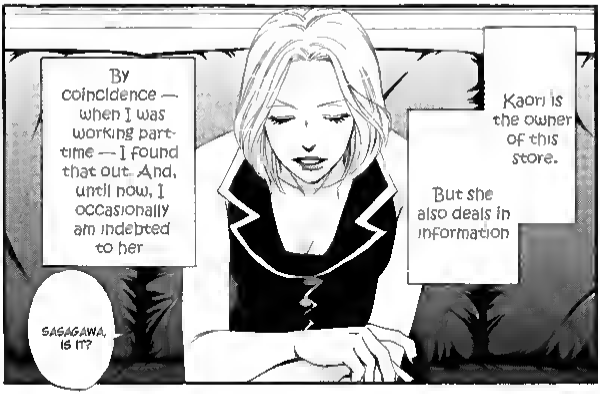
OH? TO THAT DEGREE STILL?
Did you do scandals during Sasagawa's time, too?
No, that was Yamaguchi's
WELL IF YOU COMPARE IT TO BEFORE YEAH
BUT I WOULDN'T SAY GETTING ALONG WELL!


WITH ONOE

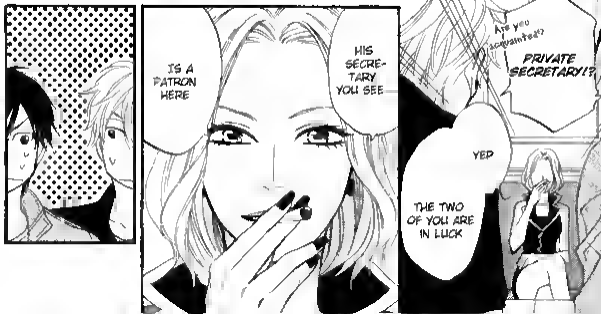
HUH?
IT'S GOOD, AS YOU KNOW
GETTING SOMEONE LIKE ONOE IS PRETTY VALUABLE
Seem to be enjoying?
To that degree?
?
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D TAKEN NOTICE OF HOW GOOD ONOE IS
WELL LATELY YOU SEEM TO BE ENJOYING WORK
What was that?
What?
Hehehe
NO NOTHING
HM? EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
ALL RIGHT WORK HARD
I wasn't listening
?
CONNI-VING OLD BASTARD
Show me.
I don't get it
OKAY, SO WHAT DO WE DO FROM HERE ON OUT?
YEAH, SO FIRST WE GO TO THE BANK AND GET THE INFO
DIDN'T KIT-KO ANA HAVE A LIVE PROGRAM UNTIL EVENING TODAY?

Uh huh.
D'YOU HAVE CONTACTS THERE OR SOMETHING?
OH YEAH, EARLIER YOU SAID YOU KNEW IT WELL, BUT...
OH YEAH, I USED TO WORK AROUND THERE PART-TIME.
Made a few acquaint-ances
Valuable...
My...
...article-writing... really that good?
OHH?
What'd you do?
HM?
OH, NOTHING.
Again...
What! WHAT IS IT?
Well, what I'm seeing is interesting... and you can say that, surprisingly, he can really apply himself!
Amazingly enough
BONK
SO STOP STARING!
Ohmmmm...
You're shouting
HUH? OH...
WELL? WHAT'D YOU WORK PART-TIME?
YES YES
I SAID STOP LOOKING!

BARTENDER AT A HOSTESS BAR...
OH! HOW RARE...
...FOR YOU TO BRING SOMEONE ELSE HERE.
Hahaha
IT'S BEEN A WHILE! EVERYONE'S LOOKING GOOD!
Kabu-chaannnn! Whyyyy!?
It's been soooo looooong!
I'm Sake. Pleased to meet you!
AND THE UNMOVING GUY OVER HERE? FRIEND OF YOURS?
OUTSIDERS


By coincidence — when I was working part-time — I found that out. And, until now, I occasionally am indebted to her
Kaori is the owner of this store.
But she also deals in information
SASAGAWA, IS IT?

WELL THERE'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING ELSE STILL
SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT WAS RECENTLY MENTIONED
BY HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY
H


Are you surprised?
PRIVATE SECRETARY!?
YEP
THE TWO OF YOU ARE IN LUCK
HIS SECRETARY YOU SEE
IS A PATRON HERE

Did we suddenly get lucky...?
HE'S WEAK TO ALCOHOL
SO WHEN HE DRINKS HE OFTEN GETS VERY TALKATIVE...
AND WHEN HE GETS TALKATIVE, HE COMPLAINS ABOUT MONEY-RELATED MATTERS
ABOUT HIS SUPERIOR MAKING HIM WORK UNREASONABLY,
OR ABOUT HIM BEING NEXT IN LINE...
I
DO YOU MEAN... THAT HE WAS FORCED TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE TAX INVESTIGATION?
I GUESS...
WHEN HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF HE SAID HE WAS JUST A "NORMAL SALARY-MAN" SO I DIDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION
Did he go that far?
DIDN'T HE SAY ANYTHING A LITTLE MORE CONCRETE?
"DIG AND YOU'LL FIND DIRT!" HUH?
I DON'T KNOW HIM QUITE THAT WELL...
Oh! No no!
Sorry!
HEY, KAORI IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT WE COULD MEET THIS GUY AND TALK WITH HIM, DIRECTLY?
What!
That's pretty bold!
HMM? WELL YEAH...
I'M SURE IT WOULDN'T BE TOO HARD

What a blow it would be if we were exposed!
BUT AREN'T POLITICS SCARY?
WELL IF YOU'RE TIGHT FOR MONEY, YOU CAN PAY WITH THE USUAL
I DID THINK THE INFO EARLIER WAS A LITTLE DILUTED
BUT IT'LL COST YOU!
HEY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY WITH THE USUAL'?
Hmm
OH!
UH?
IF YOU HAVE GOOD TECHNIQUE THEN YOU'LL DO JUST FINE!
AH!
WAI-
OH! OR EVEN SO
HUH?
YOU'RE APOLOGIZING?
Ahaha!
SORRY

Oh, what's with your
You're cranky!
UM WELL THEN, KAORI
THAT'S
I
I'LL PAY YOU
SO PLEASE ARRANGE IT!
OH REALLY?
SHIIIT, THERE GOES MY BONUS!
Thanks as always!

YOU PAY HALF TOO... OF THE MATERIAL FEE
EH?
OH, SO WE HAVE TO GO DUTCH?
OF COURSE!
WE CAN'T REVEAL OUR SOURCE FOR THIS INFO
WHAA-AAT...
BUT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WENT AND SAID IT.
HUH?
AND MORE-OVER...
IF IT'S THAT EXPENSIVE, THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST PAY WITH YOUR USUAL'!?
What!?
I didn't want to, I was looking at -
...I can't tell him I felt guilty because of that look...
...

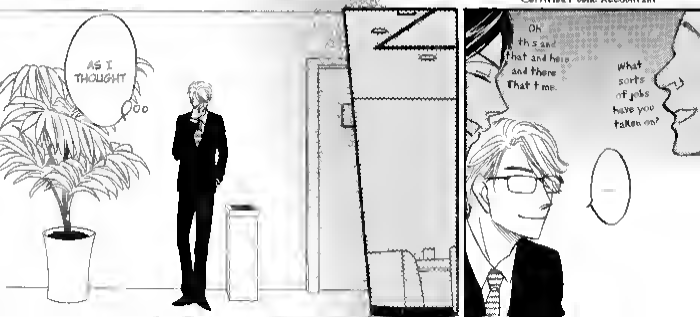
I'm completely losing my mind.
HOTEL BOW
LOOKING AT ?
NOTHING!
His tension's rubbing off.
...I take on took at his face and I know what he's thinking.
Yes, that thing...
...that I've been looking.
I have noticed it, y'know...
HIS EARS ARE RED.

And do I intend to leave this alone, forever?

...Can he go on like this?

BANG
"I GOT HIM TO PROMISE."
"WHEN I SAID I HAD AN ACQUAINTANCE WHO WAS WELL-VERSED WITH MONEY HE SAID HE WANTED TO MEET YOU."
"IT DOES LOOK LIKE HE'S AT HIS WIT'S END."
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING
AREN'T WE ALREADY SWINDLING HIM?
HE'S LYING TOO SO WE'RE ON EVEN FOOTING
IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO KEEP REPEATING YOURSELF, GO HOME!
I'M THE ONE WHO'S WELL-VERSED IN MONEY! YOU GO HOME!
I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF HIM BEING ABLE TO ESCAPE BECAUSE THERE'S NO ONE BUT YOU
AH
HE'S HEHE
THAT'S HIM.
SASAGAWA'S SECRETARY
SUDA DAISOU

Yes. This is Kabu
ARE YOU MR. SUDA? I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU
I'M KAMO, TAX COUNSELLOR
WE'RE HERE FROM THE DS ACCOUNTING OFFICE AT MS. KAORI'S REQUEST
I'M YAMADA
AH, IS THAT SO?
AH, SO HE'S STUDYING TO QUALIFY AS A CPA*?
HE IS
I'VE GROWN AT LEAST A LITTLE ACCUSTOMED TO THE WORK
*Certified Public Accountant


OH, this and that and here and there that time.
what sorts of jobs have you taken on?
AS I THOUGHT

And because of that he's really getting a grip on the old man
But seriously, that Onoe sure knows a lot about taxes
I thought he'd take a while to warm up because we're young, but it's going unexpectedly smoothly
OF COURSE HE WON'T GO INTO SUCH DETAIL ON THE FIRST MEETING
INSTEAD HE'S FEELING HIS OUT
Mmh, I wonder what makes it? He was warming up.
WELL HE SAID HE STILL HAD WORK TO DO!
...!
YOU LET HIM ESCAPE!
Oh, NO, NO, NO just what are you saying? Hmm, Kaburagi?
HEY!
YOU...! WHY DID THE OLD MAN GO HOME!?
What? Thank you so long!
WELCOME BACK

WHAT?
Suisenka 1100
0930 3?
I've gotten our next meeting!
HE SAID, LET'S MEET AGAIN TONIGHT!
There's something he wants to discuss.
WHO DID YOU SAY SIMPLY LET HIM LEAVE?

Seriously?

WHY!?
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OLD MAN'S PLANNING FOR
I'VE SAID IT A GAZILLION TIMES!
MY COMPETENCY WAS ABLE TO GET HIS INTEREST!
HMMM

And why not!?
DO YOU THINK HE'D CONSULT A BLUSHING GREENHORN WITH THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL?
TRUTH IS HE'S TALKED ABOUT ALL SORTS OF 'TROUBLES' BUT
I DON'T GET IT
THAT'S RIGHT!
IN ORDER TO SPEAK WITH YOU IN MORE DETAIL IN ADDITION TO OBSERVING YOU. THE TAX COUNSELOR
THE POINT IS HE MIGHT HAVE SPECIFICALLY CALLED YOU OUT TO HIS FAVORITE STORE
WELL THAT'S
DETACHED DAFFODIL ROOM
Something feels off
BUT SERIOUSLY
WHY!
RIGHT?
CALLING YOU OUT AT THIS TIME... IT SEEMS LIKE IT.
Did you listen to me?
WELL HE DID, DIDN'T HE?
OH WELL. I KNOW HOW IT FEELS. BEING FRUSTRATED
WHA?
smirk
?
THE BETTER YOU GET TO KNOW HIM, THE MORE UNIQUE HE GETS
Blush

Don't be modest
OH WAIT
WELL I GOTTA GET GOING
Hah! THIS TIME IT'S ALL RELATED TO TAX EVASION, SO I'VE HAD A ROLE FROM THE START!
BUT, LIKE RIGHT NOW, EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GO IN THERE AND GET OUR SCOOP, THERE'S NO NEED TO GROVEL.
Fat chance of that.
A PEN?
IT'S A BUG.
BRING THIS WITH YOU.
I BROUGHT A TAPE RECORDER THOUGH
Isn't that enough?
BUT WITH THAT... IF SOMETHING HAPPENED I WOULDN'T KNOW ON MY END
SO ALL YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IS GETTING HIM DRUNK AND LOOSE-LIPPED
WITH THAT I CAN RECEIVE AND RECORD YOUR CONVERSATION
NEVER MIND. JUST BRING IT WITH YOU!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS I'LL BE THERE TO BAIL YOU OUT!
You're more of a worrywart than I thought
EHH YOU'RE BEING REALLY CAUTIOUS ABOUT THIS
sigh
WE DON'T KNOW HOW YOUR CONVERSATION WILL GO!
I MEAN SOMETHING! HE MIGHT SUDDENLY SIDE WITH THE POLITICIAN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'SOMETHING'?

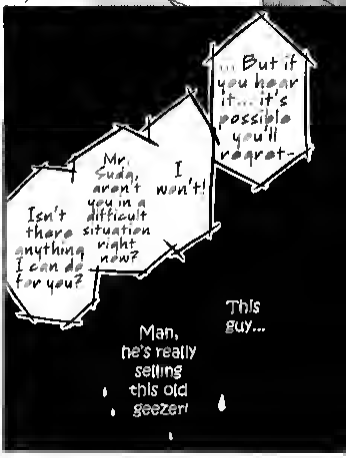
open
?
I GET YOU
BUT I DON'T REALLY LIKE NEED SAVING OR ANYTHING!
IF THE OLD MAN'S ALONE THEN I CAN DEFINITELY GET HIM
silence
SEE YA!
GET READY TO SEE MY SKILLS IN ACTION!
Oh well 'S fine
I don't know what that old man's aiming for...
But this is our only chance.
bum
What's with you? Turning red while saying something like that?

Ahaha!
AS I THOUGHT, SOMEONE WITH A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE IN SOCIETY IS A WORLD APART!
OH, NO, NO, I'M NOT THAT IMPORTANT
Onoe... you ABSOLUTELY have to get something!
NO, THIS IS QUITE A LESSON FOR ME!
Ahaha! YOU'RE QUITE PROMISING, KAMIO!
OH, I'M SO SORRY. I'M THE ONLY ONE ENJOYING MYSELF!
So about the consultation...
This geezer...

You're very level-headed despite being so young
You also seem well-informed, so I definitely want to ask your opinion
Thank you!
It would be my pleasure!
Also... It looks like he really did want to talk to Ohno.
I've been hiding so much fun it slipped my mind!!
We have to talk about that!
Oh, yes yes!
Aha ha!
He's got terribly low alcohol tolerance.
YOU CAN'T BE A POLITICIAN'S SECRETARY LIKE THIS!
WAIT WAS THAT THE CONVICTION OF A COMPANY WORKER...?
YOU SEE...
A LITTLE WHILE BACK, MY COMPANY HAD SOME PROBLEMS IN ACCOUNTING.
YES...
I THOUGHT I WOULD TALK WITH YOU ABOUT IT HOWEVER.
MR. SUDA!
grasp
!?
I FEEL AWKWARD TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
YOU SEEM LIKE A GOOD SORT, SO...

TODAY I CAME HERE SO THAT I COULD GIVE YOU MY SUPPORT, MR. SUDA!
PLEASE! TELL ME ANYTHING.
K-Kanno...
GIMME
THE SCOOP!
NO! PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT!

IS THAT SO...?
WELL, IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...


...But if you hear it... it's possible you'll regret-
Mr. Suda, aren't you in a difficult situation right now?
I won't!
Isn't there anything I can do for you?
This guy...
Man, he's really selling this old geezer!

THE TRUTH IS...

THAT IS...
TO SAY...
SO YOU MEAN TO SAY...
THAT YOU FAKED THE BOOKS?
YES
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
!
I don't have detailed knowledge of it, but the bad thing is...
At the eleventh hour, I was compelled by my superior to do something about it, and I'm very troubled...

But this time, it's intentional overestimation of costs.
The "previous tax evasion" was an oversight in donations...
This is the second time, so the crime is more severe!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES COMPLETELY
IS THAT SO
Got it...!
Now! With this...
IS THAT SO? YOU'RE QUITE RELIABLE
SO PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME
I'VE HANDLED THAT KIND OF PROBLEM BEFORE
Wait...
If you leave so abruptly...
Grrr
Hey!
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?
Thank you for today!
I WILL GO HOME AT ONCE, AND WORK OUT A PLAN
Scoop
Scoop!

Where are you going?
Look, see!
This is bad
Have we been found out? What to do...
Do I call his mobile? Or...
What are you saying! There's no need to leave so fast!
UHH... I'VE HEARD YOUR PROBLEM
SO I MUST BE GOING HOME SOON
Huh?
Wait.
It's not that we've been found out...
No, um...
Please! Stay a little longer, take it easy!
If that's the case, I can send you to your company by car tomorrow morning!
But... I still have work tomorrow, so...
What?
Umm... what is it!?
It's no trouble at all...
I'm sorry to trouble you, but I'm-
Ehh-

What's happening to him right now?
Ahh...!
...!
thump
thump
I thought it was a possibility, but...
He's a frequent patron of a hostess club so I didn't give me that kind of impression...
Well yes, of course I wanted the consultation but-
The truth is- I called you here alone today-
What are you doing!?
What
!?
I wanted to get to know you better... what's wrong with that?
That geezer's bisexual!
And what the hell is he doing!
Come on, shake off that grandpa!
struggle
struggle
AH! NO NO KAMIO

Admit it. You also came here for this, didn't you?
HEY!
WHAT.
BUFF
I'VE BUILT MY BODY UP CONSIDERABLY
WE'RE NOT FAR APART IN STRENGTH
You misun-derstand, Mr. Suda!
You!
YOU SAID FOR MY SAKE—
Wait!
Mmph!
SHE
It's all right. Don't be afraid.
Leave everything to me.
That bastard...!

!?
!?
I'M SORRY FOR MY LATENESS
Why are you here!?
What are you-
Wha
!?

Bu
I'm terribly sorry!!
!?
UH-
stomp
stomp
MY CAR WAS UNCONTROLLABLY DELAYED
BUT HOW ARE THINGS HERE?
IS OUR EMPLOYEE
I WAS INFORMED THAT YOU WOULD BE DISCUSSING IMPORTANT MATTERS WITH MY EMPLOYEE MR SUDA
AND SO I THOUGHT I WOULD CERTAINLY BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY HIM, BUT
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT
..THIS SORT OF PERSONAL BUSINESS
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THE BOTH OF YOU HAD CONSENTED TO THIS SORT OF INVOLVEMENT
rustle
AH...

WHAT...
WELL THEN, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE EXCUSE US.
WE CAN'T POSSIBLY TROUBLE YOU ANY MORE THAN WE ALREADY HAVE.
N-
HE... SAID HE WAS DRUNK.
YOU'RE MISTAKEN...
SO I WAS LOOKING AFTER-
IS THAT SO!
This is bad.
But no we can't reveal ourselves.
WELL, THEN.
close
flip
drag
Hey!
drag
I- if we exit here, my clothes!
Wait wait!
drag
drag

IF I MAY-
I BELIEVE YOU WERE OCCUPYING THE DETACHED ROOM?
I WAS INFORMED THAT YOU WOULD BE STAYING THE NIGHT...
AH
THAT IS
?
WE'LL BE GOING AHEAD
MR SUDO IS STILL IN THE ROOM, SO PLEASE DO TAKE CARE OF HIM.
Oh yes! Thank you. I understand.^^
HEY

WHAT ARE YOU SO ANGRY FOR?
NOTHING.
VROOOM
HEY YOURSELF
...
TICK
TICK
AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I WENT THROUGH TO GET PROOF
SULK
If it's nothing then why've you been ignoring me?
LIAR!
YOU
SCREEECH
WHAT'S WITH YOU
YOU HEARD OUR CONVERSATION EARLIER, RIGHT? SO WHY AREN'T WE IN A CELEBRATORY MOOD?

WHAT'S WITH YOU?
HUH?
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD AFTER WHAT YOU JUST EXPERIENCED!
HUH!?
slip
!?

LIKE SHE
IZ
WAI-
check
N-
pant
pant
That GEEZER did it too, didn't he!?
You even slipped me tongue!
Not again! You-

He didn't do THAT!
WHAT!?
Huh?
Mmh!?
DID HE JUST COVER ONCE'S MOUTH?
And anyway! even if the old man did do it, what gives you reason to do it, TOO!?
It's completely unrelated!
DO YOU MEAN TO MOCK ME BY THAT-!?
I WAS ANGRY

YOU WERE CARELESS WITH HIM IN SPITE OF WARNINGS.
AND IN THE END YOU WERE PUSHED DOWN! ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
What were you saying, you can't beat him?
WHA-
HUH...?
I COULDN'T STAND IT.

YOU DON'T THINK AHEAD!
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO EASILY DECEIVED, BY OLD MEN LIKE THAT AND WOMEN!
I...
WHY...
You anticipate it! Didn't I tell you to be careful? Didn't I!?
Well it couldn't be helped! How was I to know that the old man would be that brawny?
W-
We'll don't know other

BE-CAUSE I LOVE YOU!
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO TELL ME THAT?
WHEN YOU'RE ENTIRELY INDIF-FERENT ABOUT ME!
SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET THAT RIGHT?
PROB-ABLY OKAY?

AND SPEAKING OF, I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BECOME LIKE THAT. I WAS REALLY ANGRY THERE TOO
AND SPEAKING OF, DON'T BE SO TRUS-
PROB-ABLY?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT PROBABLY!
THAT'S WHY I FEEL BOTHERED ABOUT ALL SORTS OF THINGS?
THAT'S A LIE

I TOLD YOU ALREADY: I HAVEN'T EVEN ONCE LIED TO YOU.
You really don't trust me, do you.
THEN WHY.
HUH?
A... LIE?
CAN I EVEN BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY?
THEN WHY ME?
Why, indeed.

"Getting someone like Onoe He's pretty valuable."

Oh, is that it

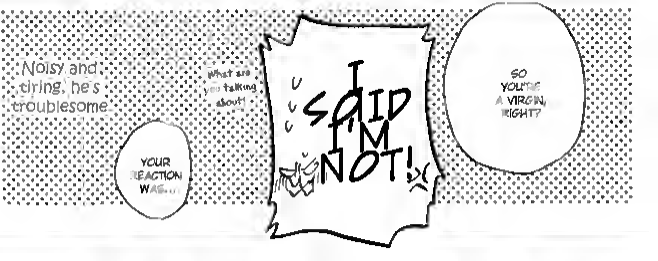
'CAUSE YOU DON'T LIE

WHY'RE YOU CRYING?
wipe
I'm not crying!
OH EHH
YOU TELL LIES THAT ARE EASY TO SEE THROUGH
Huh!?
BECAUSE YOU JUST
SUDDENLY SAID SOMETHING SO WEIRD

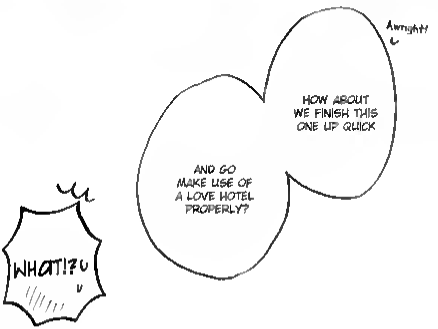
squeeze
kiss
Hey!
you...
You asshole! What are you thinking!?
QUIET
!?
bam
Doing something like this here...!!

VROOM
...JEEZ. YOU REALLY ARE THE WORST.
AND YOU ARE WAY TOO USED TO THIS.
CAN'T START SOMETHING LIKE THAT HERE.
OH, YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT. WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND REPORT THIS.
Slipped my mind.
YEAH! DON'T FORGET THAT!
Slipped my mind?

MMM...
Whatever


Noisy and jiring, he's troublesome.
YOUR REACTION WAS...
What are you talking about?
I SAID I'M NOT!
SO YOU'RE A VIRGIN, RIGHT?

...that he's cute?
But still, how did I come to think...
He looks so


Awright
HOW ABOUT WE FINISH THIS ONE UP QUICK
AND GO MAKE USE OF A LOVE HOTEL PROPERLY?
WHAT!?

TBC!